



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22317-1450
www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
09/423,575	SJEF SMEEKENS	ARNO114646

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/IB98/00821

LA. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
05/14/1998	05/14/1997

**CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR
JOHNSON & KINDNESS
2800 PACIFIC FIRST CENTRE
1420 FIFTH AVENUE
SEATTLE, WA 98101-2347**

CONFIRMATION NO. 6916
371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER

0C000000014626006

Date Mailed: 11/29/2004

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>01/27/2000</u>	<u>01/27/2000</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** *The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363).* Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Original Specification filed on 01/27/2000
- Drawings filed on 01/27/2000
- Claims filed on 01/27/2000
- Oath or Declaration filed on 01/27/2000
- Initial Application Filing Fees filed on 01/27/2000
- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/27/2000
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/27/2000
- Oath or Declaration filed on 01/27/2000
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/27/2000

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

DONNA S GREENE

Telephone: (703) 305-3619

PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)